COLCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COLCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING

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Friday, May, 17, 2024
8:30 AM
Central Office Conference Room

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Alexander Oliphant,, Secretary Margo Gignac, Donna Antonacci, Rosemary Gignac, Stefanie Tracey-Calash

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Superintendent Daniel P. Sullivan, III, Assistant Superintendent Jessica L. Kuckel,

OTHERS PRESENT: Executive Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent Michelle Flynn

1. MEETING OPENING

1.1 Call to Order
Chair Alexander Oliphant called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM

1.2 Roll Call
Chair Oliphant conducted a roll call of the Board. All members present with the exception of Christopher Rivers and Michelle Millington.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

2. *PRIORITY DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

2.1 School Readiness Grant Program and School Readiness Quality Enhancement Grant for C3

The board reviewed and discussed the fiscal year 2025 Grantee Standard Statement of Assurances Grant Programs regarding the School Readiness Grant Program and School Readiness Quality Enhancement Grant.

Motion by: M. Gignac
To approve the School Readiness Grant for C3
Second: R. Gignac
Roll call: All in favor
Vote: Motion carried

2.2 Educator and Leader Evaluation and Support Plan

Assistant Superintendent Jessica Kuckel presented the New Evaluation and Support Guidelines and CT Model Plan. This plan includes suggestions for districts to adapt from the State of Connecticut Department of Education. Assistant Superintendent Kuckel explained components of the guideline changes Colchester Public Schools would like to implement. Each school district will need to present their Evaluation and Support Guidelines to implement before the 2024/2025 school year. Assistant Superintendent Kuckel presented the plan Colchester would like to present.

Motion by: M. Gignac
To approve the Colchester Public Schools Educator and Leader Evaluation plan as presented
Second: R. Gignac
Roll call: All in favor
Vote: Motion carried

2.3 Approval of Policy Committee changes to Politics-First Read

Donna Antonacci presented a Policy Committee suggestion for the Policy Number 5123-*Promotion/Retention/Acceleration Policy*. The suggested edits will resolve the issue of students who fail to receive credits for English or Math but will continue to be on track with graduation requirements. This policy change will allow students to be promoted to the next grade level. This change will allow students to continue to follow their classmates as well as be able to participate in state required tests. Such students will continue to be supported by Bacon Academy staff to meet graduation requirements in time to graduate with classmates.

2.4 Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion by: M. Gignac
To approve the minutes from the February 13, 2024 Regular Meeting
Second: R. Gignac
Roll call: All in favor
Vote: Motion carried

2.5 Approval of Minutes from April 16, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion by: M. Gignac
To approve the minutes from the February 13, 2024 Regular Meeting
Second: S. Tracey-Calash
Roll call: All in favor
Vote: Motion carried

2.6 Discussion and Possible Action on Bacon Academy Softball Donation

Margo Gignac discussed the need for the softball field at Bacon Academy to have a fence around the perimeter of the field in order to meet guidelines to host the State of Connecticut Softball Tournament.
A parent from Bacon Academy has volunteered to make a donation in the amount of $1,752.36 to purchase the required fence.

Motion by: M. Gignac
To approve the donation of $1,752.36 for the Bacon Academy fence noting the boxes on the Fundraiser Activity form "School Sponsored" box checked "No" and the "Approved" box checked by Superintendent Daniel Sullivan
Second: R. Gignac
Roll call: All in favor
Vote: Motion carried

3. ***ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by: M. Gignac
To adjourn
Second: D. Antonacci
Roll call: All in favor
Vote: Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:52 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Flynn
Executive Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent